



10am Sunday 28th March 2021

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

All Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon an ass.
Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever; and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre. You have loved righteousness and hated evil.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

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THE GATHERING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Opening Hymn

All glory laud and honour, to thee, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.

The company of angels are praising thee on high, and mortals, joined with all things, created, make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went: our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise: to thee now high exalted our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious king

St Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people hold up palm crosses or branches while this prayer is said by the president

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem
as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Introduction to Confession

God shows his love for us

in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him

by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Kyrie Confession

O God, you know my foolishness

and my sins are not hidden from you:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Let not the flood overwhelm me

nor the depths swallow me up;

let not the pit shut its mouth upon me:

All Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good;

turn to me as your compassion is great:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver *you* from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

All

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory. Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Blessing of Easter Candles for Distribution

God our Father,
source of all light,
bless these candles.
Through their presence among us
may the light of Christ, risen in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds
and fill us with the joy of new life,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm 118:19-24

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Palm Gospel Mark 11:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." 'They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.

As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Nick Gallant

The Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

Ephesians 2.13,14

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Mindful of family, friends and all our neighbours both near and far we say...

All Peace be with you.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross

reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,

the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,

our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,

exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,

for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Αll

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread

and drink this cup,

All we proclaim the Lord's death

until he comes.

Agnus Dei

All Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The priest receives bread and wine on behalf of the people

Post Communion Prayer

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

Notices

Closing hymn

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father, on his sapphire throne,
awaits his own appointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy pow'r, and reign.

DISMISSAL

Blessing

May the Father,

who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

bring you by faith to his eternal life.

All Amen.

May Christ,

who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will,

keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

All Amen.

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ

that we may share his glory,

set your minds on life and peace.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

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